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Name: Tom & Mary Bowne Date of Comment: Aug 1, 2006

Address: [REDACTED], Dana Point, CA 92629
[REDACTED]

Comments

We have been coming to Tuolumne Meadows for 30 years. By far the worst human impact we have seen having been the large pack trains on the way to Glen Aulin. They tear up the trail, deposit large amounts of manure and kick up clouds of dust. The size of the trains & the number of trains needs study.

Educational programs for visitors transvercing the meadow to limit the number of established beaten trails would help.

Tom & Mary Bowne

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Name: SAM SCHUMANN A KC

Date of 8-4-06

Comment: _____

Address: [REDACTED]

RIM FOREST, CA 92378

Comments

KEEP THE MEADOW AS IS. IF NECESSARY DIVERT
H²O THRU CULVERTS. LOVE THIS PLACE!

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Name: Chak Cornwall
Comment: _____

Date of 8/3/06

Address: [REDACTED] Berkeley CA 94708

Comments

No dams on the Tuolumne or Clavey River
ever!! No reason to dam instead of conservation.
lets remove the dam and restore Hetch Hetchy.

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Name: Lynn Watkins
Comment: Bike Trails

Date of 8/7/06

Address: [REDACTED] Arcata, CA 95521

Comments

Please consider putting bike trails between the visitor center, lodge, campground, store & employee housing. This would encourage people to leave their cars at the campground/lodge or housing area as well as greatly improving safety. My 10 ~~yr~~ year old daughter & I rode from the campgnd to the V.C. on bikes and it felt very dangerous to be on the highway.

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Name: TUSTIN

Date of 8/1/6

Comment: NO NEW STRUCTURES

Address:

[REDACTED ADDRESS]

PHOENIX, AZ 85021

Comments

PLEASE KEEP TUOLUMNE PRISTINE AND NATURAL
AND DEVELOP NO MORE... IF NO STRUCTURE,
ROADS, ETC. HOTELS ARE FOR CITIES.

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Name: HARLEY WILDMARK

Date of Comment: 8-2-06

Address: [REDACTED], ALTADENA, CALIF. 91001

Comments

IN GENERAL EVERYTHING SHOULD BE LEFT THE SAME, STORES, GRILL, GAS STATION. I UNDERSTAND THE PLUMBING IS IN POOR CONDITION AT TUOLUMNE, SO UPGRADE THAT PART BUT LEAVE THE REST THE SAME. PLEASE MAKE ALL THE SITE A FIRST COME BASIS, BECAUSE TRYING TO CALL CANADA OR SOME OTHER COUNTRY TO MAKE RESERVATION IS IMPOSSIBLE & IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE TRY CALLING YOURSELF!

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Name: Angus Pawelson Date of Comment: 08/03/06
Address: [REDACTED] Berkeley

Comments

Complete elimination of automobile traffic would have many secondary effects - less waste (packaging, cans, bottles, etc), less CO₂, less HC, less NOX, No local of an HC leaking gasoline station - fewer paved areas running the wilderness.

A shuttle from the gate would be one solution.

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Name: Matt

Date of Comment: 8/1/06

Address: _____

Comments

DONT GET RID OF THE A LOOP!!

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Name: J. Davies Date of Comment: 3/7/06
Address: Greenfield Oldham UK

Comments

Backpackers arriving at the campsite off the J.M Trail enter off the path at the back of the site. There is no indication there of where they have to go. Walking round a campsite carrying a 160lb rucksack at the end of a hard days walking is not a pleasant experience. Suggestion: provide maps indicating location of walk on site at all entrances, not just the car entrance.

Ditto!

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Name: Deb Saberson Date of Comment: _____

Address: _____

Comments

Most Park Rangers usually cannot give a straight answer.
Some seemed a bit high.

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Name: most everyone who lives here. Date of Comment: 8/2/06

Address: Here

Comments

No new development.

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Name: Richard L Olson Date of Comment: ? Aug 1 ?
Address: [REDACTED] Port Angeles Wa.

Comments

First suggestion - return the road between the pass and here at the meadows to the old one. Or second - lower the speed limit to 35 MPH. City drivers bumper to bumper habitats are not conducive to enjoying the few beautiful miles that are particularly spectacular. At 45+ MPH getting here is saving only a few min. of time needlessly.

A trail (walking) from there to here I think would be special. Have done it years ago. Limiting numbers possibly

A bit longer turn out

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Name: ANGUS POWELSON Date of Comment: 08/03/06

Address: [REDACTED] Berkeley CA 94705

Comments

This week the third generation of powelsons privileged to experience this meadow enjoyed a week here.

This is an irreplaceable, valuable, beautiful resource.

Any thing the NPS can do to help slow the destruction that is so visible is good - but my own wish would be parking at the entrance, coupled with a shuttle to walk-in campgrounds, very separate from the drive in. Fewer cars would surely be good.

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Name: JACOB WHITTAKER

Date of Comment: 8/3/06

Address: [REDACTED]

Comments

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I HAVE LIVED & WORKED IN TUOLUMNE FOR 9 YEARS, IT IS ONE OF THE NICEST PLACES IN THE WORLD, I THINK THE BEST "PLAN" IS TO LEAVE IT ALONE OR SLOWLY ALLOW THINGS LIKE BUILDINGS & ROADS TO GO BACK TO NATURE. TUOLUMNE SHOULD BE WILDERNESS, SO WE MIGHT AS WELL KEEP IT AS CLOSE TO THAT AS POSSIBLE. I NOTICED THE PLAN CALLS FOR A BUNCH OF CONSTRUCTION & REARRANGING OF FACILITIES, EVEN IF THE EVENTUAL OUTCOME IS THE SAME OR LESS DEVELOPED SPACE, THIS IS BAD. IT SEEMS LIKE THE STANDARD YOSEMITE VALLEY & US.

(continue comments on back of page)

GOVERNMENT, PLAN OF GIVING ALL THE PARKS ^(VISITORS) MONEY TO CONTRACTORS & TURNING THE PARK INTO A NOISY, CHAOTIC CONSTRUCTION ZONE. WILD NATURAL PLACES SHOULD NOT REQUIRE MONEY OR DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO "PROTECT" THEM. JUST MAKE SURE IT STAYS THE SAME BY DOING NOTHING & KEEPING EVERYONE FROM DOING ANYTHING. TUOLUMNE IS NEAR PERFECT. ALSO, IF ANY WORK/DEVELOPMENT IS DONE IT SHOULD BE DONE BY PARK EMPLOYEES OR NON-PROFIT CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. NO CORPORATIONS SHOULD BE PROFITING FROM YOSEMITE & PEOPLE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO PAY THOSE PROFITS BY PAYING OVER PRICED ENTRANCE FEES. ALONG THE SAME LINES - PNC SHOULD BE BOOTED & REPLACED WITH A NON-PROFIT. ONLY THE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ACTUALLY WORKING HERE SHOULD BE MAKING ANY MONEY.

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Name: Karen Najarian Date of Comment: 8-6-06

Address: [REDACTED] Martine 94553 [REDACTED]

Comments

"Doggie Bags" + instructions on human waste disposal at the urban-wilderness interface of every trail head. -KN

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Name: Adam Long Date of Comment: 8/1/06

Address: [REDACTED] Oakland, CA 94618

Comments

Dismayed w/ amount of cars, would like to see a bike path paralleling the road. As a climber I would be much more likely to not make short trips. Less cars would be parked everywhere. Bike racks would be a necessity. The path wouldn't have to be paved, it could be compacted gravel and dirt. It would be nice to have a trail from the Lodge to Pothole dam. Ideally the trail should go to Tenaya Lake.

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Name: Eric Hanson Date of Comment: 8/1/06

Address: [REDACTED] Meriden VA 22001

Comments

Keep Gail, PO, Campground, Store

add Showers to BP Campground

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Name: Rosie Breen Date of Comment: 8/1/06
Address: Washington

Comments

- More Bear Lockers in TM + Lyell Canyon Area
- Scenery, tradition of camping in the park (family vacations)
special, happy memories.
- love the Geology + Biology
- there is a lot of traffic through TM - + parking is a deterrent (blocks some of the view)
- Enjoy + love to use the Shuttle buses.

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Name: Crew 2

Date of Comment: August 1, 06

Address: Camp

Comments

Y.C.C IS da ~~best~~ bomb
here. Trail mantresse is fun

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Name: Cynthia COFFMAN Date of Comment: 8/2/06

Address: [REDACTED] CHATSWORTH CA 91311

Comments

IS THE HATCH-HATCH RESERVOIR STILL REALLY VIABLE
OR NECESSARY? I HOPE STUDIES ARE BEING CONDUCTED
TO SEE IF WE CAN FINALLY REMOVE IT.

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Name: Chih-Yang Li Date of Comment: 8/4/06

Address: [REDACTED], Menlo Park, CA 94025

Comments

We stayed at the Tuolumne camp site while there was rapid yet fairly strong thunder-storm. We found our tents were covered by quite amount of mud afterwards.

Perhaps; some dry shredded woods on the ground would be a good idea to prevent that?

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Name: Anne Stafford &
Kay Lombardini

Date of Comment: 8/2/06

Address: [REDACTED] Oakland CA 94602

Comments

I can't really tell what is actually going to happen (change?) around here based on ~~the~~ the plier on the back of this clipboard. I come here every year & love it. I guess I would like to see fewer (no?) really large RV's in the campground. And, of course, I most want this area to be preserved, & don't want to see more development & more commercialization - don't make it another Yosemite Valley.

The Tuolumne meadows store seems to carry less food & useful items, & more cheap souvenirs. I'd like it to be more of a true little general store. Lose the tourist junk. (OK, maybe a few postcards)

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I have been coming here since I was a kid (I'm 40 something now). My partner + I come every year for our "penier" vacation of the year. It is a beautiful place and we love it here. We appreciate the knowledgeable ranger staff and that 1/2 the campground is first come, first serve - no reservation. I also agree with all the previous comments (see front of page).

We are very interested to know about the progress of your plans and details as they form.

We love that every year we come up here, it's just the same as it was the year before (at least it looks that way),

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Name: Avram Pearlman Date of Comment: _____

Address: [REDACTED] Arcata, CA 95521

Comments

Shuttle Buses & Park Vehicles
using ~~petroleum~~ fossil fuels phased out,
alternative fuels vehicles phased in
(Hydrogen, ethanol, Bio diesel, Natural gas)
→ discounts on entry for vehicles
that produce less emissions

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Name: Carol Yunez Date of Comment: August 1, 2006
Address: [REDACTED], Pacific Grove CA 93950

Comments

2 Sinks in Bathroom
Fix broken windows, etc.
Build a Shower House
keep 1/2 FIRST Come, First Served
Keep river for swimming!

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Name: Rikke and Jonas Rhein-knudsen Date of Comment: 25/7/06

Address: [REDACTED] Holte

Comments

good things :

- good information
- very good way to make trips
- great nature
- the supermarkets

Bad things :

- Bad food/places
- Bad restrooms
- not much animals
- Bad Signs
- not many activities (more!!!)

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Things that should be build:

- a zoo
- more foodplace's
- could be great with some huts (for holidays and vacations)
- some more lakes